



This term, we will be reading *Call of the Wild* by Jack London and focussing our reading around the book. We will be focusing quite heavily on SPAG objectives through different types of writing. We are also having handwriting sessions in the afternoon to continue to focus on letter formation and joins.

We will squeezing a lot in but we are determined as a class to do our best! I would like to thank the children for keeping up.

Spikey Values

Can you ensure that, as parents and carers, you put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

PE

Participation in PE is hugely important for the development of health, fitness and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. At the moment, the children are still swimming. It is important that the children try and continue with this as it is on the national curriculum and we need to provide it for all of the pupils.

Swimming days are a Monday.

PE kits need to be worn on a Tuesday for PE.

Please remember children will now come to school dressed in their PE kit. Please check your child's P.E. kit follows the school uniform rules and it is appropriate for the weather.

Homework

Homework will now be sent home in paper form. This will be sent home with your child on Tuesday and will be due on the following Monday. I will be starting to send home some example SATS questions home in order for the children to start to get to grips with the format. The more practice the children can do, the better prepared they will be.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to a fun filled and busy term.

Miss Lawrance

Frozen Kingdom

Our class book:



Call of the Wild
Jack London

English:	Different tenses, descriptive devices, formal and informal writing, use of speech.
Art	We will be looking at the artist Monet.
Computing:	Online safety
History:	In History, we are looking at different polar explorers and their journeys.
Mathematics:	Fractions, ratio, decimals, algebra.
Geography	We will be looking at the characteristic of the polar regions, as well as exploring different maps.
PE:	The children will be completing circuits on a Tuesday. Swimming on a Monday.
PSHE:	Dreams and Goals: we will be thinking about goals we have and how we can achieve these goals. Thinking about how to overcome challenges we may face along the way.
Science:	We will be exploring how animals adapt to different environments. We will be looking at different states, thinking about why things melt and freeze.

Frozen Kingdoms Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Adaptation	Physical changes to the animal's body or behavioural changes in how an individual animal or a society do things in their daily lives.
Biomes	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
Continent	The world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australasia & Oceania, Antarctica)
Climate	A long term pattern of the weather conditions
Climate change	Big change in the weather over a long time, now made worse by human pollution
Endurance	A three-masted wooden vessel in which Sir Ernest Shackleton sailed for the Antarctic on the 1914 Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition
Equator	The imaginary east-west line encircling the Earth midway between the North and South poles
Expedition	A journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose
Global Warming	Change in the climate that makes the world warm up. Global warming is caused by pollution made by humans
Inuit	A member of a group of indigenous peoples of northern Alaska, arctic Canada, and Greenland.
Lines of Latitude	Imaginary lines around the globe that measure how many degrees North or South of the equator a place is
Lines of Longitude	Imaginary lines down the globe that measure how many degrees East or West of the Greenwich/ Prime Meridian (Greenwich, London) a place is
Navigate	To move through a particular course in an unfamiliar area
Northern Hemisphere	The half sphere of Earth which is North of the equator
Southern Hemisphere	The half sphere of Earth which is South of the equator
Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	Imaginary lines above and below the equator. Between these lines lie the Tropics.
Pack Ice	A large area of ice floating in the sea, formed by smaller pieces freezing together
Pollution	Harmful chemicals or gases that spoil the environment



Key Questions we will be able to answer by the end of this unit:

- What are the different biomes and why do they occur?
- What are the causes and effects of 'global warming' on our polar regions?
- How are animals adapted to living in such harsh conditions?
- Shackleton's 1914 expedition: a tragedy or triumph?

We will be exploring the concept of Endurance through many questions.

Key Concept: Endurance



Ernest Shackleton

An explorer who in 1914, chartered an expedition to Antarctica. Disaster struck when his ship, the Endurance, was crushed by ice. He and his crew drifted on sheets of ice for months until they reached Elephant Island. Shackleton eventually rescued his crew, all of whom survived the ordeal. He later died while setting out on another Antarctic expedition.

TIMELINE OF ENDURANCE	
8th Aug 1914	Endurance leaves Britain
5th Dec 1914	Endurance leaves South Georgia Island
18th Jan 1915	Enters pack ice, ship is immovable
24th Feb 1915	Ship routine ceased
25th Oct 1915	Ship cracks under pressure of ice, takes on water and is abandoned
21st Nov 1915	Ship sinks
March 1916	Attempts to move camp fail
9th Apr 1916	Set off on foot
18th Apr 1916	Arrive at Elephant Island
24th Apr 1916	Five leave on lifeboat to seek help
9th May 1916	Arrive South Georgia
30th May 1916	Crew rescued on fourth attempt



